



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/15/2021

ITEM NO: 13

DATE: June 4, 2021
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Direct Staff to Add Rainbow Stripes to Two Crosswalks on East Main Street in Front of Town Hall

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to add rainbow stripes to two crosswalks on East Main Street in front of Town Hall.

BACKGROUND:

Parks and Public Works received a request to install rainbow crosswalks in front of Town Hall in support of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community. Crosswalk design is regulated by State and Federal traffic control standards that is fairly limiting in colors that are permissible, with yellow and white as the approved options.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed installation would entail a twelve-inch rainbow stripe parallel to and on the outside of two crosswalks, one near Pageant Way and the other near Villa Avenue. The striping would be thermoplastic material, a durable non-skid application that holds up over time. This is similar to an installation recently completed in Cupertino.

Crosswalk design standards are strict and adhering to the standards provides protection to engineers in cases where collisions occur. Directing staff to deviate from the standard provides liability relief to the engineer, while the associated risk to the Town remains. The implementation on the exterior of the crosswalk is intended to reduce risk while gaining the intended visual impact.

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Parks and Public Works Director

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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CONCLUSION:

With Council direction, the work to install the striping would occur in July.

COORDINATION:

This project is coordinated with the Town Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The materials for this project are expected to cost \$5,000 and the labor an additional \$8,000. Funding will come from the annual pavement maintenance program.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Repair and maintenance of existing streets is defined under CEQA Section 15301(c) as Categorically Exempt.

Attachment:

1. Sample Rainbow Crosswalk Installation